

Around the City

FAIR AND COLD.

MILITARY APPOINTMENT. Major H. Perley has been appointed commanding officer. He is now authorized to take command of troops sailing from here to England.

GIVEN IN CHARGE. Six men members of the crew of a freighter in port were given in charge by the captain last night to the police. They are charged with being drunk on the high seas. They were brought to the city by the C.P.R. police sergeants Skidding and Brodie.

CAR DERAILED. The main line of the C.G.R. was blocked yesterday morning for about two hours. The truck of an extra, No. 281, which left St. John early this morning, broke at Aponauk and soon after two of the cars were derailed. The track was cleared in about two hours.

S. O. S. DEMONSTRATION. This afternoon at three o'clock there will be given a practical demonstration of the new life saving device for those at sea known as the S.O.S. garment, when the demonstrator will conduct a test in the Market Slip giving the citizens an opportunity to see just what this device will do.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED. The weekly entertainment for the soldiers at St. David's church was well attended last night, about one hundred soldiers and sailors being present. A. R. Crookshank occupied the chair. The programme consisted of solos by Miss Climo, Serf, Gargill and P. McAndrews and a general singing. Refreshments were served by the young ladies.

THE CIRCUIT COURT. In the circuit court yesterday the case of Fairweather vs. Coy et al was concluded. The jury retired about 6 p.m. and after two hours absence announced that they could not agree upon a verdict. H. A. Powell, K. C. and J. T. H. Teed for plaintiff; John B. M. Baxter, K. C., J. R. Taylor, K. C., and E. P. Raymond for defendant. The court then adjourned until Feb. 19th, at 11 a.m.

WEIR OWNERS MEET. A largely attended meeting of the St. John County Weir Owners Association was held last night in Neve's Hall, West St. John. Delegates were elected as follows to go to St. George on Jan. 22 to take part in the annual election of officers of the St. John and Charlotte Counties Weir Owners Association: Edward Woodward, W. A. Spence, R. E. Wilson, Murray Stackhouse, Frank Lamoreaux and others. Oscar Ring was elected secretary-treasurer for the St. John county branch of the association.

SERIOUSLY INJURED. Inquiry at the General Public Hospital last night revealed the information that the condition of Thomas Markey of 143 Britain street, who was severely injured yesterday in the McAvity shell plant, while at work, was quite serious. Thomas Markey was whitewashing in the shell plant when he was caught in a piece of the machinery and badly injured about the head and arms. The ambulance was quickly called and he was sent to the hospital where he was attended by Dr. Bishop. The hospital authorities stated last night that both the unfortunate man's arms were broken and it was feared that he also had a fractured skull.

BEEN ROUND THE WORLD. Among the visitors to the city yesterday was J. J. Virgo, National Field secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the British Empire. He left last evening en route to Australia. He is on his fifth tour around the world and has travelled 125,000 miles since the war began, with troops, visiting different fronts. He has been in France and Flanders, Egypt, Mesopotamia and India, to the Afghan border. Mr. Virgo has also been with the Grand Fleet in North Sea. He has had to do with some whirlwind campaigns to raise funds for the Y. M. C. A. and his services are most highly estimated by the British army command. After visiting Australia he will return to England and then go on to Saloniki.

NO TRACE OF MISSING BOY

William Gordon Has Been Missing for Over a Week—Said to Have Went to Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Gordon, of Moore street, are suffering great anxiety on account of their son, William Gordon, who has not returned to his home since a week ago yesterday. The boy who is fifteen years of age, left his home at that time calling his parents that he was going to work in MacDonald's tea warehouse on Dock street. He was then wearing a pair of black overalls, a jumper, a grey sweater with stripes, a dark coat and a checked cap. He had not gone there but was said to have gone with a Hutchings boy from Sheriff street to the Kennebec coast fish. There they met James Somers, to whom they said that they were working. He gave them something to eat and brought them back on his team to the city. The Gordon boy got off at Simon street and said that he lived there, and no further trace of him has been found. The Hutchings boy was questioned but denied knowing anything about the matter or being with Gordon at all. Perry, one of the four boys who were arrested at the Long Wharf told Detective Bliggs that Gordon told him that he was going to Norton. An inquiry was wired there but no reply has yet been received. The boy was formerly employed at J. Morgan & Son, on Main street, but since leaving there has not been working at all.

BOLD AND DARING THEFTS COMMITTED BY GIRL QUINTETTE

Many the Victims of Their Activities in St. John—The Party Arrested Yesterday—Used Sneak-Thief Methods—Warning from Chief Simpson.

Without comparison in the history of juvenile crimes a startling number of thefts, bold in their character, were brought to light yesterday through the efforts of the police department of St. John. The result of investigation led to the arrest of five girls, ranging in years from twelve to fifteen, who have for some time perpetrated "sneak-thief" acts which would hardly be contemplated by professional gangsters. Citizens, stores and hotels were victimized by this juvenile quintette. A citizen reported to the police department that he lost a sum of money and hardly had the matter been given to the police before they were on the trail of the offenders. The articles stolen include rings, cash, flashlights, ear rings and other articles. According to information received by The Standard the young girls first gained the confidence of their victims by offering for sale tickets for concerts.

The store of Henry Doherty at Haymarket Square was among the first places visited and \$5.00 was removed from his cash box. An uptown hotel suffered the loss of two gold rings, which were removed from one of the rooms. J. R. Logan, who conducts a place of business at Haymarket Square, suffered the loss of several articles. A quantity of blue silk was also stolen from M. R. A's. Other articles found in the possession of the party included one cameo ring, a silver wrist watch, a lady's gold watch, a set of ear rings, a pair of mitts, a wedding ring, some jewelry, which was taken from the five and ten cent store, two collar badges, a silk collar, four rubber heels. The value placed on these goods is in the vicinity of \$100. The girls were taken into custody yesterday afternoon by Detective Duncan, Police Constable Hopkins and Police Matron Miss Rose.

A session of the juvenile court was held in camera yesterday afternoon and the youthful offenders were confined to the care of the institutions in the city. They were also charged with stealing the sum of \$2 from a citizen on King street. Some of the articles recovered by the police have not yet been claimed. It is estimated by Chief of Police Simpson that juvenile crimes have increased to the extent of one hundred per cent in St. John. Chief of Police Simpson last night issued a warning to young girls to keep off the streets at night. He said the police had received instructions to look after the young girls who made a habit of running around the streets and meeting soldiers and it was their intention to put a stop to this practice. In the future all young girls on the streets after a certain hour would be stopped and if they could not give a satisfactory account of themselves would be liable to arrest.

YOUNG MAN WHILE DOZING IN HOTEL CHAIR IS ARRESTED

Should Have Reported for Duty When Called—Marsh Bridge Drafted Also Arrested Yesterday.

Yesterday saw the first arrests in connection with the application of the Military Service Act in St. John. As announced in The Standard yesterday morning the authorities took time so as to make sure of the men they were about to apprehend and no less than four local men were passed over to the authorities. While quietly dozing in an uptown hotel chair last night a young man was seized by one of the military police who answered to the description given by officials. The police calmly walked into the hotel and placed the man under arrest. He was handed over to the night officer at the central station until this morning when his case will be attended to. Another young man, who resides at the Marsh Bridge, was arrested yesterday according to reliable information received by The Standard last night and taken to the depot at the exhibition building. It is also reported that two other offenders against the act were arrested yesterday morning at West St. John. They are residents of Fairville.

There also arrived in the city last night a corporal's guard with a man in charge, who refused to respond to the colors when told to do so. In conversation with Chief Simpson, last night, he informed The Standard that he had received the names of three or four draftees who have failed to answer the summons. The police department have received their instructions and there is every reason to believe that ere long many claimants for the reward of \$10 will put in an appearance. THE POLICE COURT. At the afternoon session of police court yesterday the case against William Trufon and Michael Sarduk, charged by Vigil Kumacheva with firing two shots from a revolver in his residence, 3 Long Wharf, came up. A. W. Baird appeared for Trufon who will be interred later. The complainant's wife was recalled and briefly testified to the shooting. Fred Ross a new witness testified also. The case was adjourned until today. A session of the juvenile court was held and a number of boys charged with entering a shed on Long Wharf were remanded.

BETTER RAILROAD SERVICE FOR THE ALBERT DISTRICT

Expected Government Will Soon Take Steps to Improve Postal Service—Local Members Receive Petition—Have Been Authorized to Make Arrangements with C. G. R.

It is expected that the government will take steps soon to improve the postal service in Albert county and will aid in providing better railroad service for the district. Messrs. Wigmore and Elkin recently received a petition on the subject from Albert and other villages. Mr. Wigmore has forwarded the following communication to George Prescott at Albert: Dear Sir—In view of your favor of the 8th inst. I beg to say that I have forwarded your petition to the post-master-general at Ottawa, and I have insisted that regard should be done in reference to the delay in delivery of the mail.

I have a wire from the minister of railways stating that arrangements will be made immediately for operating the Albert road, and Mr. Elkin and myself have been authorized to proceed to Moncton and make arrangements with the general manager of the Canadian Government Railway with reference to the operation of this road, when I hope you will be able to make a satisfactory arrangement. With best wishes, I am Yours sincerely, RUPERT W. WIGMORE.

The above prompt action on the part of the energetic members-elect for St. John-Albert will be greatly appreciated by all citizens of Albert county.

GOVERNING BOARD OF KING'S COLLEGE HELD SESSION HERE

Preparations Planned for Active Campaign to Raise \$125,000 for University—To Open in March.

The Military Service Act will not affect one student attending King's College at Windsor, N. S., was the statement made to The Standard last evening at the Royal Hotel by the president of the university, Rev. Dr. T. S. Boyle, who arrived in the city yesterday to attend the meeting of the governors. This will give the public some idea of the drain made by the war upon Canada's university. At the meeting of the governing board, which was held at the Church of England Institute, yesterday afternoon, matters pertaining to the future plans were discussed and many valuable suggestions respecting the economic policy during the period of the war were offered and which will no doubt be acted upon. It is the intention of the governing body to launch a campaign in New Brunswick commencing in the month of March with the end in view of raising the balance of \$125,000 which is required to place King's on strong footing for the future. Already \$30,000 has been subscribed and the balance of \$95,000 being raised in Halifax. However, owing to the recent disaster and subsequent solicitation for funds for the relief of the war, the amount of \$125,000 which is required to place King's on strong footing for the future. Already \$30,000 has been subscribed and the balance of \$95,000 being raised in Halifax. However, owing to the recent disaster and subsequent solicitation for funds for the relief of the war, the amount of \$125,000 which is required to place King's on strong footing for the future. Already \$30,000 has been subscribed and the balance of \$95,000 being raised in Halifax.

PERSONAL APPEAL TO THE WORKING MAN

In connection with the appeal which is about to be made in behalf of the Local Red Cross, it is fitting that this appeal should be especially addressed to the working man, for it is he who makes a sacrifice when he contributes to this, or any other worthy object. A working man is dependent on his weekly wage, and any contribution he may make to the Red Cross, be it ever so small, reduces the amount of his income by that amount, and in consequence of this he must of necessity deny himself and his family something. This is a real sacrifice the working man feels. The man of means may give freely and generously towards this object, but he does not feel that he is depriving himself of much, because it does not reduce his power to satisfy his legitimate needs in any appreciable degree. Most of our soldiers are recruited from the ranks of the working men, and the working man at home who is nobly doing his part in the tremendous conflict by helping to maintain unimpaired the business and trade of the country, should realize that it is chiefly by the small monetary aid that he may give to the Red Cross that the aggregate sum required shall be made up. Let him remember this that it is primarily for him that our officers are making the sacrifices they are.

On Red Cross Day, January 24th, it is urgently requested of you to give to the most noble cause, every cent you may deem it possible, that the work of the Red Cross may be carried on unimpeded, unhampered, and uncurtailed. Be prepared to give to your utmost when the collector calls.

SONG BOOKS DELAYED

A large shipment of Heart Songs which should have arrived some days ago has been held up somewhere on the road from New York, and The Standard is holding untold many orders for books. The shipment should reach here any day now and when it does all mail orders will be promptly sent out.

THE KEITH CANN, NEW BAY STEAMER, ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Is in Charge of Captain A. L. MacKinnon—Steamer Well Adapted for the Route—Visited by Many Admiring Persons During the Afternoon.

The new bay steamer Keith Cann, successor to the old John L. Cann, arrived in port yesterday afternoon on her maiden voyage. The steamer made a perfect start coming up the harbor and expressions of admiration at her trim appearance and seaworthy qualities were heard on all sides as she docked at Thorne's wharf.

After her arrival, her commander, Capt. A. L. MacKinnon, held an informal reception on board to his waterfront friends, and he was kept busy all afternoon showing people about. The steamer though small is handsomely fitted up and it is evident that the builders had the comfort of both passengers and crew in mind when they constructed the boat. One of the surprises to many was the well appointed smoking saloon on the upper rear deck. Directly below on the main deck is the main cabin which is fitted up with comfortable seats. Opening off this are three staterooms, two free ones for ladies and gentlemen respectively, containing four berths each and a small stateroom containing two berths.

The crew's quarters up forward are commodious and comfortable. The stateroom is situated amidships and the place of honor is given to the triple expansion engine which was manufactured in England. The kitchen would delight the heart of a housekeeper in its well kept appointments and its well stocked lockers and ice chest. The small dining saloon is fitted up in a home-like manner and is situated in the front of the boat. Public space ready for the generator when it comes.

The steamer carried several passengers on the trip, including Albert Whyman, the engineer who installed the engine, and J. E. Hopkins, assistant superintendent of the Hugh Cann and Sons Company, of Yarmouth, who own the boat. The Keith Cann will make its return journey today.

PUBLIC UTILITIES Rate Increases in 1917—Eighty-six Per Cent. of All Applications Granted in Past Year.

(Evening Post, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1916.) The current issue of the Public Service Magazine, Chicago, reports that in 1917, 462 applications for increased rates were made to various local and State commissions. Of these 461 applications were favorably acted upon, or more than 86 per cent. The increase in public utility rates in 1917, 462 applications for increased rates were made to various local and State commissions. Of these 461 applications were favorably acted upon, or more than 86 per cent. The increase in public utility rates in 1917, 462 applications for increased rates were made to various local and State commissions. Of these 461 applications were favorably acted upon, or more than 86 per cent.

Besides these increases given below between 200 and 300 per cent, increases are monthly being allowed in the various States and Canada, and it would be impossible at the moment to present a list like a complete list. As will appear from the tables gas rates have apparently made better progress with increases than have electric rates. Due to several reasons, one of which is the difference in character and classification. When all the electric rate increases now made are added to the increases of their numbers will show quite as favorably.

Following is a list of all the companies which received rate increases during the year. In a separate article a list of municipal plants which have increased rates during the year is shown.

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The NEW EDISON is the Only Instrument in which Music is RE-CREATED COME IN AND HEAR IT For More Chicks, Bigger Chicks, Stronger Chicks Buckeye Incubators Are Exactly What You Want Keep in mind that Buckeye Incubators hatch the largest percentage of eggs of any other style of incubator. Buckeye Incubators hatch Bigger, Stronger Chicks. No artificial moisture is needed in Buckeye Incubators. Buckeye Incubators are Simple, Safe, Sure—Guaranteed. Buckeye Incubator No. 14—Capacity 65 Eggs—Price \$13.50 Buckeye Incubator No. 16—Capacity 120 Eggs—Price \$24.00 Buckeye Incubator No. 17—Capacity 210 Eggs—Price \$32.00 BUCKEYE PORTABLE BROODERS. The Oil that Broods Like a Coal Burner. No. 20—for 65 Chicks, \$9.50; No. 21—for 100 Chicks, \$12.00; No. 22—for 150 Chicks, \$16.00. SEE OUR MARKET SQUARE WINDOW, W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. KING STREET

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Modern Labor Savers Washing Machines and Wringers WASHING MACHINES do away with the old wash troubles and save both health and strength. With an up-to-date washing machine the week's wash may be done quickly and done well. See the NEW CENTURY WASHING MACHINE in three different styles. E. & F. SPECIAL WRINGERS (Guaranteed), 11 inch and 12 inch rollers, Ironing Boards, Ironing Tables, Wash Boards, Clothes Baskets, Clothes Hoses, Clothes Dryers, etc. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited OUR STORES OPEN AT 9 A. M. CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK DAILY. January Clearance Sale of Men's and Boys' Furnishings Continued Samples and Odd Numbers All Seasonable Goods. At Greatly Reduced Prices. The purchase of any of these articles will mean a genuine money-saving transaction, as they are actually priced lower than the manufacturers are asking for them today. UNDERWEAR Men's Plain Knit Wool Shirts and Drawers. A reliable make, and a good winter weight. Sale Price \$1.00 per garment Men's Heavy Elastic Ribbed Wool Shirts and Drawers. "Unshrinkable." Old sizes only. Sale Price, \$1.75 per garment Men's Sample Undershirts in Heavy Ribbed Wool, Plain Knit Wool, and Red Wool. Size 40 only. Sale Prices .75c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25 Men's Combinations medium and heavy fine elastic ribbed, cotton and wool and all cotton. All sizes. Sale Prices, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$3.50 Suit SWEATERS Men's Sweaters, Coat Style, Light, Medium and Heavy Weights, Convertible or V-neck, No-Collar Style, Grey, Khaki, Brown, Navy, Slate and Maroon. Sale Prices \$3.00 to \$5.00 Boys' Coat Sweaters. A few for small boys. Grey with red trimmings, 22, 24 in. Sale Price \$1.00 NECKWEAR—The odds and ends of the different patterns left after the Christmas trade, all good colors and designs, greatly reduced. Sale Prices 35c and 50c. A small number of Extra Quality Ties marked regardless of former value. Sale Prices .75c. KNITTED WOOL MOTOR SCARFS—Comfortable and practical. White, Grey, Brown, Fawn, and Tan. Sale Prices .75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 LINED GLOVES—Cape and Mocha, good warm lining. Sale Price . . . . . \$1.25 SAMPLE HEAVY LEATHER GLOVES AND MITTS—Lined and unlined. Some with gauntlets. Sale Prices 60c, 75c, 90c. HALF HOSE—Black Cashmere. Sale Prices 25c, 35c. RIBBED WOOL HALF-HOSE—Black, heavy weight. Sale Price . . . . . 35c. SAMPLE SOCKS—Heavy ribbed wool. Sale Prices, 15c. to 40c.

WONDERFUL OFFERINGS IN OUR JANUARY SALE "Reliable Furs"—Black Siberian and Canadian Wolf Muffs, Stoles and Scarfs. SPECIAL PRICES FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BLACK CANADIAN WOLF Double Animal Scarfs that were \$40.00, Special \$25.00; Regular \$35.00, Special \$22.50; Regular \$30.00, Special \$20.00; Regular \$25.00, Special \$13.50, \$16.50, \$18.00. BLACK CANADIAN WOLF MUFFS. The original prices were \$25.00 and \$40.00. Special Prices \$18.50, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00. BLACK SIBERIAN WOLF SCARFS AND MUFFS as follows: Muffs—\$7.50, \$10.00, \$14.50, \$17.50.—They were \$12.00, \$15.00, \$18.50, \$22.50, \$25.00. Scarfs—\$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00.—They were \$8.00, \$12.00, \$15.50, \$22.50, \$25.00. EXCEPTIONAL OFFERINGS. D. Magee's Sons, Limited GENUINE BARGAINS. 63 King Street, St. John, N. B.